

**REMARKS**

Claims 27-28 and 93-128 have been examined. Claims 97-98, 105-106, and 119-120 were indicated as being in allowable form in the Final Office Action mailed February 20, 2008. Claims 27-28, 93-96, 99-104, 107-118, and 121-128 are cancelled herein. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 97-98, 105-106, and 119-120 are pending.

I. Rejection of claims 27, 93, 94, 96, 99-100, 109-116, 118, and 121-126 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 27, 93, 94, 96, 99-100, 109-116, 118, and 121-126 were rejected as allegedly unpatentable over Buechler, U.S. Patent No. 5,458,852.

Claims 27, 93, 94, 96, 99-100, 109-116, 118, and 121-126 have been cancelled herein. Thus, without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Applicants respectfully submit that cancellation of claims 27, 93, 94, 96, 99-100, 109-116, 118, and 121-126 renders the rejections moot, and respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

II. Rejection of claims 95 and 117 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 95 and 117 were rejected as allegedly unpatentable over Buechler, U.S. Patent No. 5,458,852, in view of Slovacek et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,242,837.

Claims 95 and 117 have been cancelled herein. Thus, without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Applicants respectfully submit that cancellation of claims 95 and 117 renders moot the rejection, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

III. Rejection of claims 28, 101, 102, 104, 107-108, and 127-128 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 28, 101, 102, 104, 107-108, and 127-128 were rejected as allegedly unpatentable over Buechler, U.S. Patent No. 5,458,852, in view of Foster et al., U.S. Patent No 4,444,879.

Claims 28, 101, 102, 104, 107-108, and 127-128 have been cancelled herein. Thus, without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Applicants

respectfully submits that cancellation of claims 28, 101, 102, 104, 107-108, and 127-128 renders moot the rejection, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

IV. Rejection of claim 103 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claim 103 was rejected as allegedly unpatentable over Buechler, U.S. Patent No. 5,458,852, in view of Foster et al., U.S. Patent No 4,444,879, as applied above, as further in view of Slovacek et al., U.S. Patent 5,242,837.

Claim 103 has been cancelled herein. Thus, without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Applicants respectfully submits that cancellation of claim 103 renders moot the rejection, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

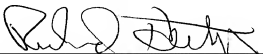
**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have made the above amendments without prejudice to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation, division or other related application. Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been obviated and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below so that they may be resolved without the need for an additional action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2415.

Respectfully submitted,  
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